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Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the people of the Republic of Mozambique and President Joaquim Alberto Chissano are to be congratulated for their commitments to democracy, peace, and economic reform in their country and throughout southern Africa, and that it is in the interest of both the United States and the Republic of Mozambique to maintain and enhance continued close relations.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 25, 1998

Ms. McKINNEY submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

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Whereas United States relations with the country of Mozambique have been growing deeper and closer since President Reagan welcomed first President Somara Machel and then his successor President Joaquim Chissano to the White House in 1985 and 1987;

Whereas President Chissano, with United States encouragement and assistance, led his country to peace in 1992 and to its first democratic elections in 1994 and has maintained that peace;

Whereas President Chissano from his first year in office began a continuing reform and restructuring of the Mozambique economic system in which more than 800 state enterprises have been privatized and which have resulted in an environment positive for foreign investment to the point where United States and other western firms are on the verge of \$6,000,000,000 in new investments in Mozambique;

Whereas President Chissano has worked closely with 4 successive United States administrations in seeking peaceful settlements to conflicts in Angola, Rhodesia/Zimbabwe, South Africa, and most recently, the Congo; and

Whereas the United States has responded to Mozambique's consistent commitment to peace, democracy, and economic reform by making Mozambique one of the major recipients of United States aid in Africa: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
2 resentatives that—

3 (1) the United States and the Republic of Mo-
4 zambique should continue to advance already close
5 economic and political ties for the mutual benefit of
6 both countries and for the maintenance of peace,
7 stability, and prosperity in southern Africa;

1 (2) warmly congratulates President Joaquim
2 Chissano and the Republic of Mozambique for the
3 measures already implemented and those measures
4 it plans to implement to firmly root democracy and
5 free markets in Mozambique; and

6 (3) welcomes President Chissano in his visit to
7 the United States in November/December 1998.

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